

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

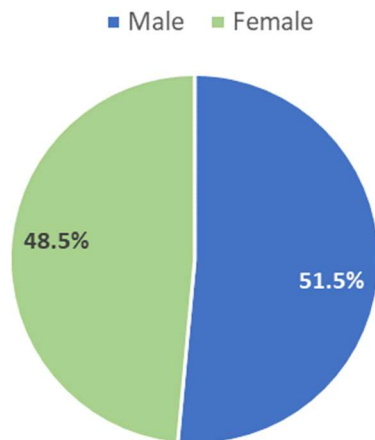
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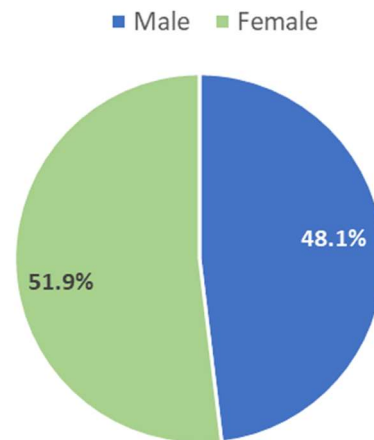
The week of September 26th – October 2nd marks the 81st week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 9,360 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a 7.4% decrease compared to the week prior. The following analysis was completed using intrastate and interstate claims data, but not agent claims¹, therefore, the totals below will not match the state totals when aggregated.

The gender breakdown of initial claims has experienced three distinct phases during the COVID-19 crisis. During the first 14 weeks of the crisis, between the weeks ending March 21st and June 20th, 2020, female claimants made up 56.2% of all initial claims. Throughout the next 44 weeks, until the week ending April 24th, 2021, male claimants made up the majority of initial claims, accounting for 54.7% of all initial claims filed during that time period. The third phase has once again seen female claimants file the majority of the initial claims. Over the last 23 weeks, 52.6% of all initial claimants have been female. For reference, the BLS estimates that approximately 53.0% of Virginia's workforce is Male and 47.0% is female.

9/26 - 10/2 Claims by Gender



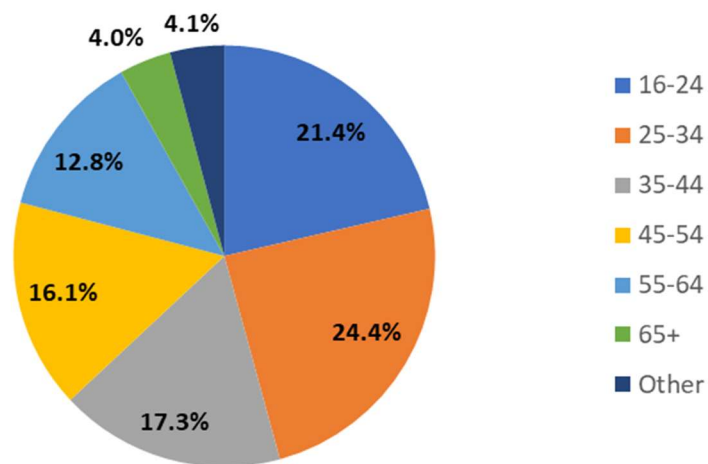
9/19 - 9/25 Claims by Gender



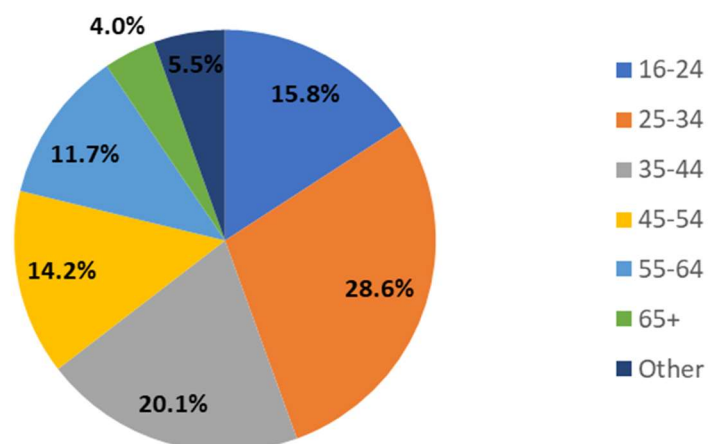
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

To analyze the age of initial claimants we first break them up into age cohorts. Since the beginning of the crisis workers in the first two cohorts, ages 16-24 and 25-34, have accounted for the largest amount of initial unemployment benefit claims. Workers in these two cohorts have filed roughly 39.4% of all initial claims since the week ending March 21st. For comparison, workers in the next two cohorts, ages 35-44 and 45-54, have made up 36.8% of initial filings during the same time period. According to a BLS survey of the Virginia workforce, 33.8% of workers are between the ages of 16 and 34 and 41.0% of workers are between the ages of 35 and 54. This disparity between the BLS estimates and the age breakdown of claims leads us to believe that younger workers have been more negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis than older workers.

9/26 - 10/2 Claims by Age



9/19 - 9/25 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Richmond City which had 512 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Augusta County followed with 479 and 442 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 76 saw either a decrease or no change in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest decrease was Fairfax City which had 74 fewer initial claims compared to the prior week.

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Accomack County	20	-11	0.25%	0.12%
Albemarle County	20	-8	0.25%	0.03%
Alexandria City	253	125	3.20%	0.25%
Alleghany County	10	2	0.13%	0.14%
Amelia County	7	-4	0.09%	0.11%
Amherst County	17	-9	0.22%	0.11%
Appomattox County	9	-15	0.11%	0.12%
Arlington County	96	21	1.21%	0.06%
Augusta County	442	397	5.59%	1.15%
Bath County	1	-9	0.01%	0.04%
Bedford County	31	-17	0.39%	0.08%
Bland County	8	-1	0.10%	0.28%
Botetourt County	14	-19	0.18%	0.08%
Bristol City	35	4	0.44%	0.48%
Brunswick County	13	-19	0.16%	0.22%
Buchanan County	11	-20	0.14%	0.16%
Buckingham County	3	-29	0.04%	0.05%
Buena Vista City	11	-1	0.14%	0.30%
Campbell County	22	-39	0.28%	0.08%
Caroline County	14	-18	0.18%	0.09%
Carroll County	15	-13	0.19%	0.11%
Charles City County	6	-11	0.08%	0.16%
Charlotte County	8	-13	0.10%	0.15%
Charlottesville City	88	29	1.11%	0.33%
Chesapeake City	232	-7	2.93%	0.19%
Chesterfield County	157	-40	1.99%	0.08%
Clarke County	6	-1	0.08%	0.08%
Colonial Heights City	32	12	0.40%	0.36%
Covington City	12	-1	0.15%	0.49%
Craig County	3	0	0.04%	0.13%
Culpeper County	39	9	0.49%	0.16%
Cumberland County	4	-3	0.05%	0.09%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Danville City	139	59	1.76%	0.72%
Dickenson County	9	-1	0.11%	0.19%
Dinwiddie County	20	3	0.25%	0.14%
Emporia City	15	-3	0.19%	0.66%
Essex County	5	-29	0.06%	0.09%
Fairfax City	80	-74	1.01%	0.58%
Fairfax County	296	49	3.74%	0.05%
Falls Church City	76	54	0.96%	0.87%
Fauquier County	35	-11	0.44%	0.09%
Floyd County	3	-18	0.04%	0.04%
Fluvanna County	12	-11	0.15%	0.08%
Franklin City	14	-4	0.18%	0.39%
Franklin County	32	-11	0.40%	0.12%
Frederick County	37	-2	0.47%	0.08%
Fredericksburg City	170	8	2.15%	1.18%
Galax City	76	-64	0.96%	2.59%
Giles County	12	-5	0.15%	0.15%
Gloucester County	26	-1	0.33%	0.13%
Goochland County	14	5	0.18%	0.12%
Grayson County	12	9	0.15%	0.15%
Greene County	17	1	0.22%	0.16%
Greensville County	0	-3	0.00%	0.00%
Halifax County	25	-11	0.32%	0.16%
Hampton City	243	-4	3.07%	0.37%
Hanover County	84	27	1.06%	0.14%
Harrisonburg City	56	27	0.71%	0.22%
Henrico County	203	64	2.57%	0.11%
Henry County	33	12	0.42%	0.14%
Highland County	2	-1	0.03%	0.16%
Hopewell City	30	-8	0.38%	0.30%
Isle of Wight County	22	6	0.28%	0.11%
James City County	7	-27	0.09%	0.02%
King and Queen County	5	-1	0.06%	0.13%
King George County	14	6	0.18%	0.10%
King William County	13	11	0.16%	0.14%
Lancaster County	3	0	0.04%	0.05%
Lee County	10	1	0.13%	0.12%
Lexington City	9	-3	0.11%	0.43%
Loudoun County	133	-38	1.68%	0.06%
Louisa County	22	2	0.28%	0.11%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Lunenburg County	6	1	0.08%	0.11%
Lynchburg City	111	38	1.40%	0.30%
Madison County	4	1	0.05%	0.05%
Manassas City	136	42	1.72%	0.60%
Manassas Park City	6	-10	0.08%	0.06%
Martinsville City	33	-1	0.42%	0.60%
Mathews County	3	-1	0.04%	0.07%
Mecklenburg County	9	-9	0.11%	0.07%
Middlesex County	7	-5	0.09%	0.13%
Montgomery County	42	-3	0.53%	0.09%
Nelson County	7	-4	0.09%	0.10%
New Kent County	21	12	0.27%	0.17%
Newport News City	217	32	2.75%	0.25%
Norfolk City	399	103	5.05%	0.37%
Northampton County	6	-8	0.08%	0.12%
Northumberland County	6	2	0.08%	0.11%
Norton City	7	-10	0.09%	0.43%
Nottoway County	7	-2	0.09%	0.10%
Orange County	28	12	0.35%	0.16%
Page County	17	0	0.22%	0.15%
Patrick County	9	1	0.11%	0.13%
Petersburg City	68	-6	0.86%	0.54%
Pittsylvania County	34	4	0.43%	0.12%
Poquoson City	14	6	0.18%	0.22%
Portsmouth City	161	4	2.04%	0.38%
Powhatan County	19	6	0.24%	0.14%
Prince Edward County	17	12	0.22%	0.17%
Prince George County	19	3	0.24%	0.13%
Prince William County	199	7	2.52%	0.08%
Pulaski County	22	-12	0.28%	0.14%
Radford City	19	-65	0.24%	0.23%
Rappahannock County	10	7	0.13%	0.27%
Richmond City	512	186	6.48%	0.44%
Richmond County	10	-40	0.13%	0.25%
Roanoke City	184	-12	2.33%	0.38%
Roanoke County	27	-16	0.34%	0.06%
Rockbridge County	11	-6	0.14%	0.11%
Rockingham County	50	25	0.63%	0.12%
Russell County	17	4	0.22%	0.16%
Salem City	48	-24	0.61%	0.38%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Scott County	9	2	0.11%	0.10%
Shenandoah County	16	-14	0.20%	0.07%
Smyth County	13	-19	0.16%	0.10%
Southampton County	11	0	0.14%	0.12%
Spotsylvania County	39	-13	0.49%	0.06%
Stafford County	58	10	0.73%	0.08%
Staunton City	22	-51	0.28%	0.18%
Suffolk City	84	19	1.06%	0.19%
Surry County	3	-1	0.04%	0.09%
Sussex County	7	-1	0.09%	0.19%
Tazewell County	25	6	0.32%	0.17%
Virginia Beach City	479	175	6.06%	0.21%
Warren County	28	4	0.35%	0.14%
Washington County	32	7	0.40%	0.12%
Waynesboro City	51	10	0.65%	0.48%
Westmoreland County	12	0	0.15%	0.13%
Williamsburg City	74	48	0.94%	1.15%
Winchester City	108	67	1.37%	0.74%
Wise County	21	-13	0.27%	0.17%
Wythe County	30	-2	0.38%	0.23%
York County	32	6	0.40%	0.10%
Other	576	-101	7.29%	N/A

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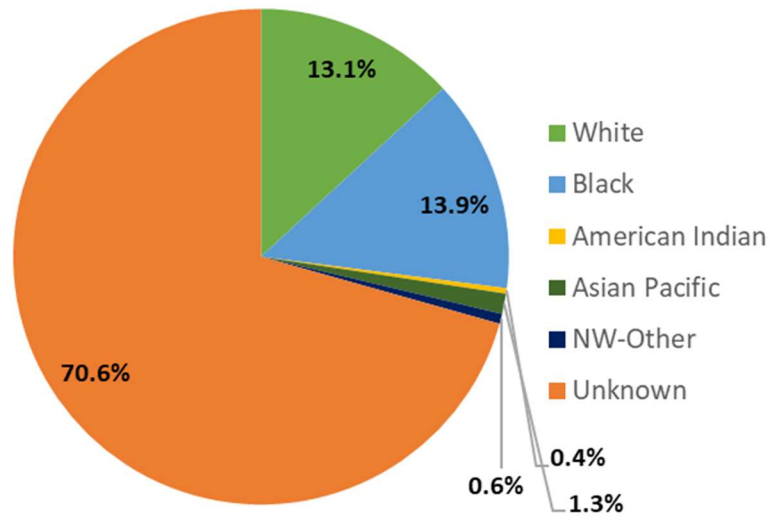
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	300	-44	3.80%
13-0000	255	25	3.23%
15-0000	252	-13	3.19%
17-0000	70	-32	0.89%
19-0000	13	-1	0.16%
21-0000	100	10	1.27%
23-0000	40	13	0.51%
25-0000	129	9	1.63%
27-0000	469	126	5.93%
29-0000	754	-71	9.54%
31-0000	113	-52	1.43%
33-0000	98	0	1.24%
35-0000	432	63	5.46%
37-0000	74	-70	0.94%
39-0000	438	9	5.54%
41-0000	1745	1,048	22.07%
43-0000	410	-51	5.19%
45-0000	11	-33	0.14%
47-0000	758	-95	9.59%
49-0000	157	7	1.99%
51-0000	656	-42	8.30%
53-0000	272	0	3.44%
55-0000	13	-3	0.16%
Unknown	346	-85	4.38%

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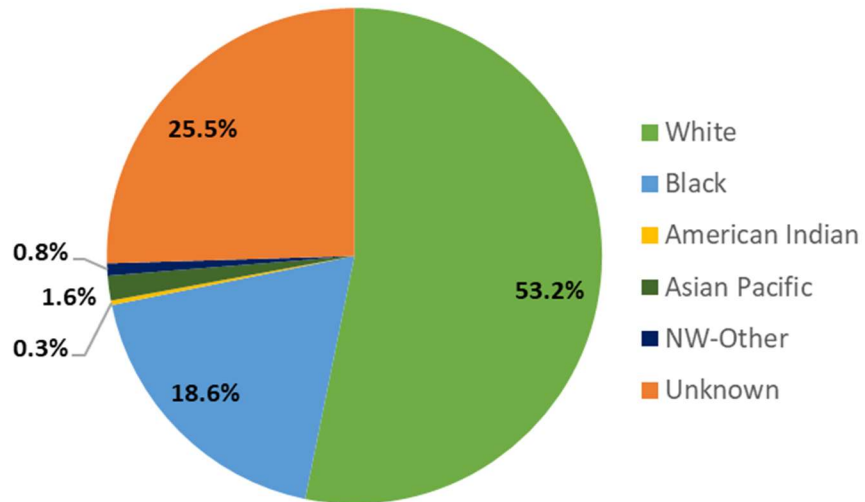
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	7,829	726	99.04%	94.23%
Non-citizen	76	-8	0.96%	5.77%

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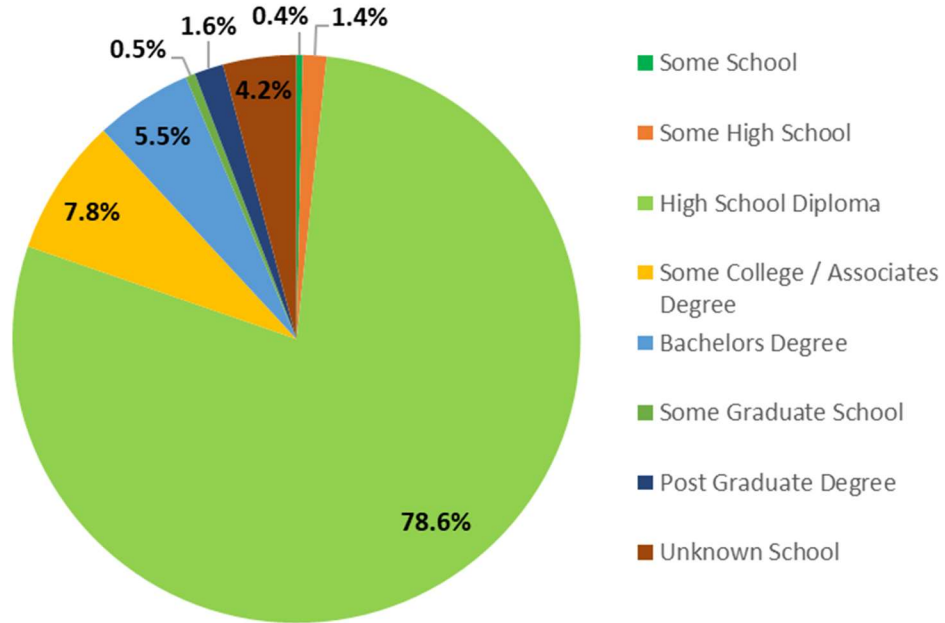
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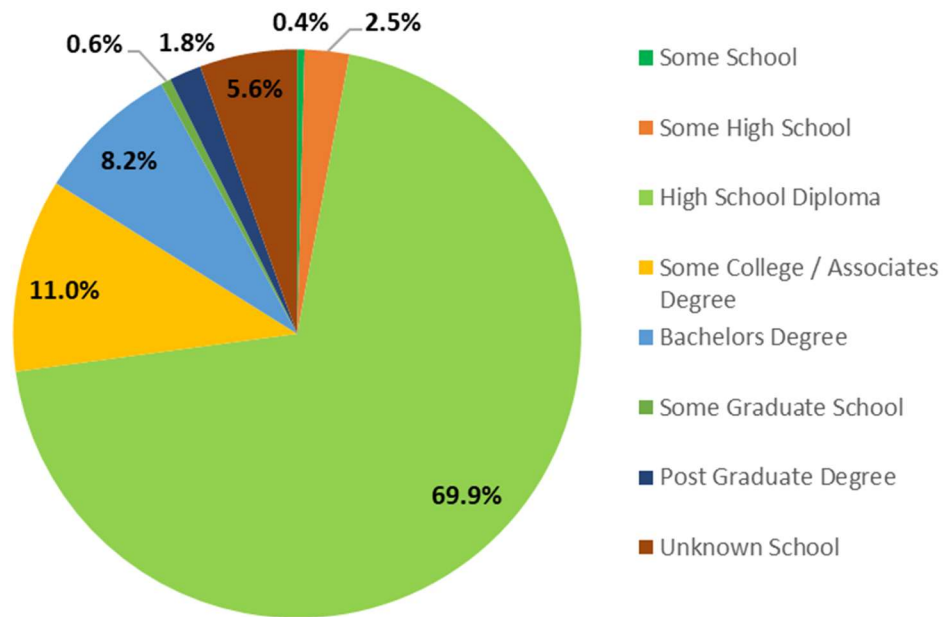
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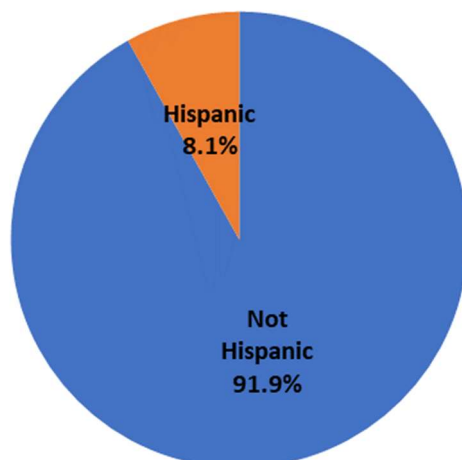
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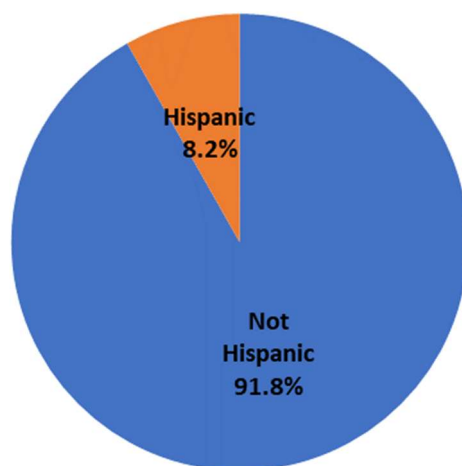
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9/26 - 10/2 Claims by Ethnicity

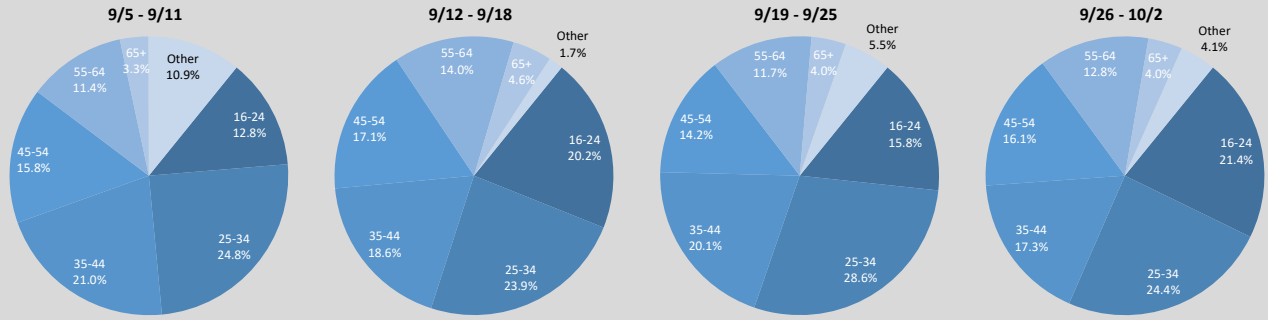


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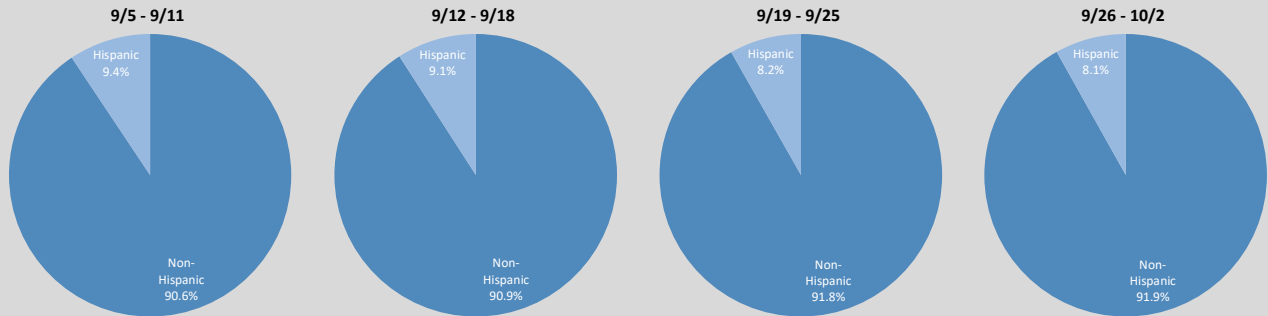
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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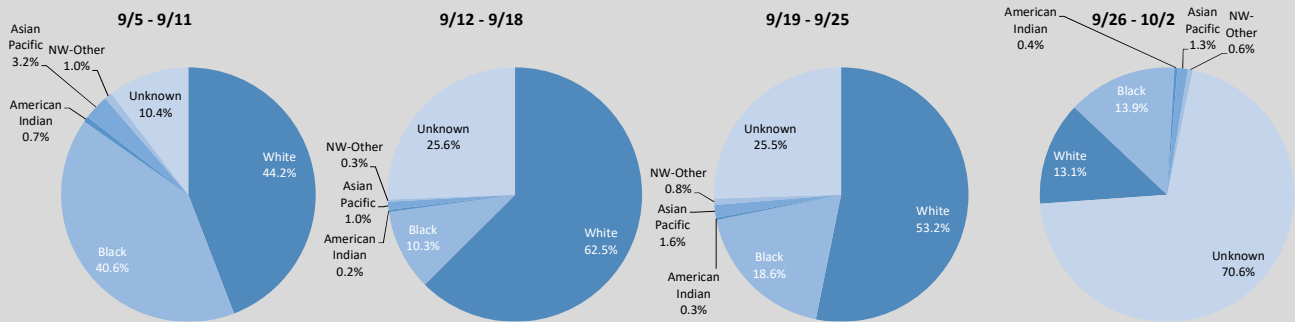
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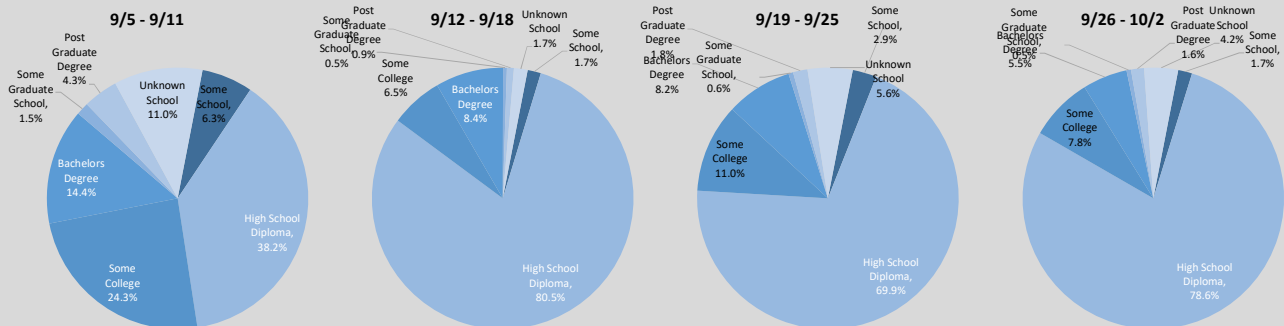
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



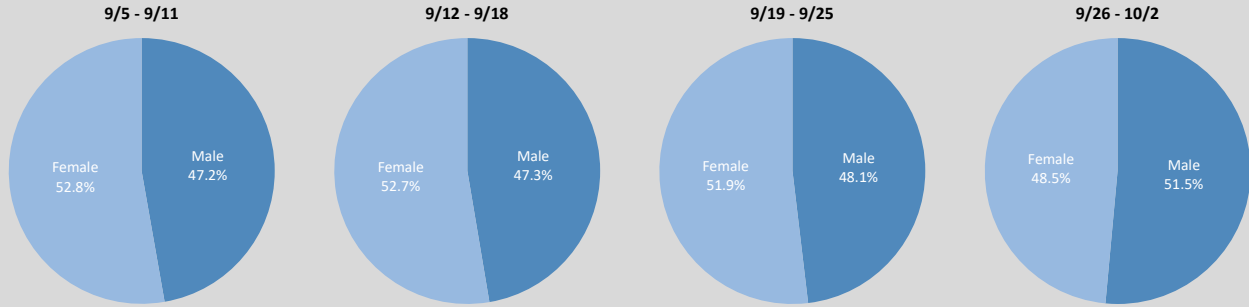
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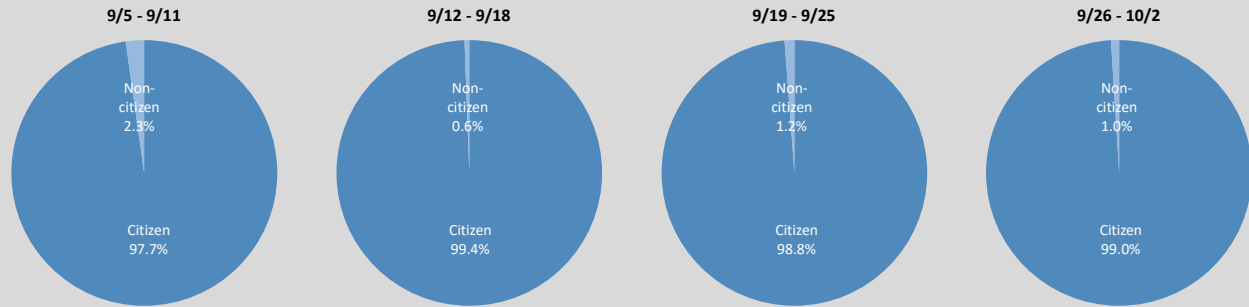
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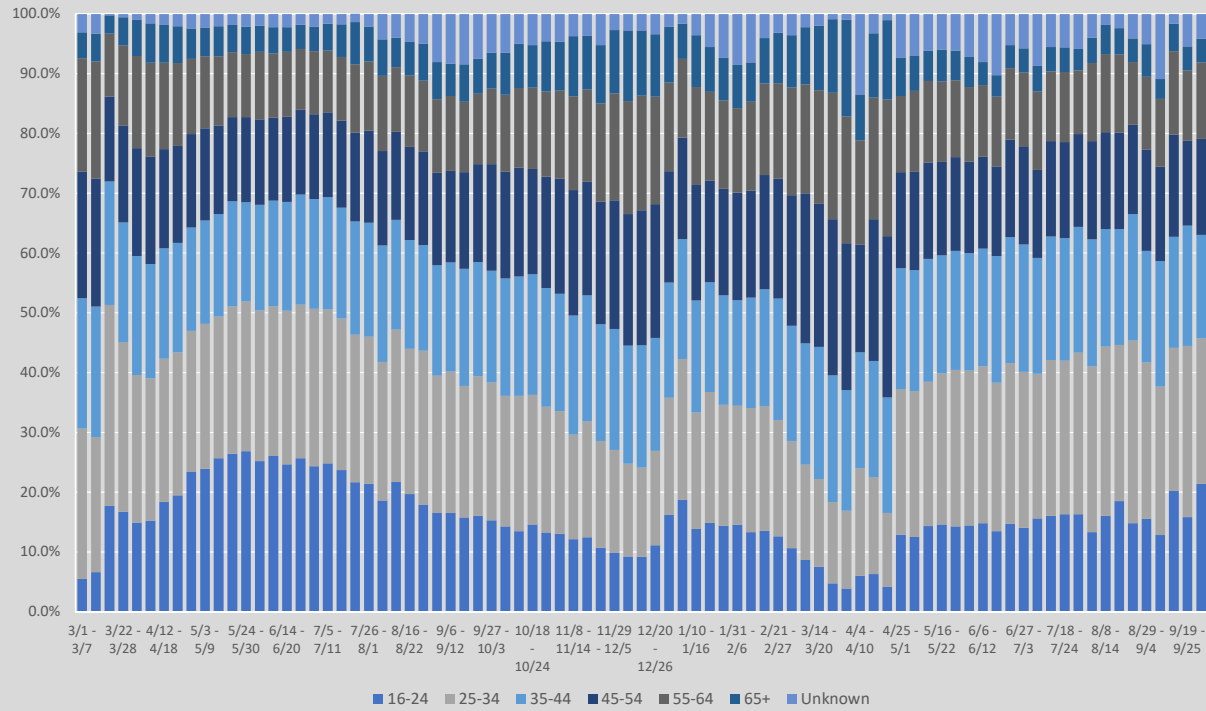
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



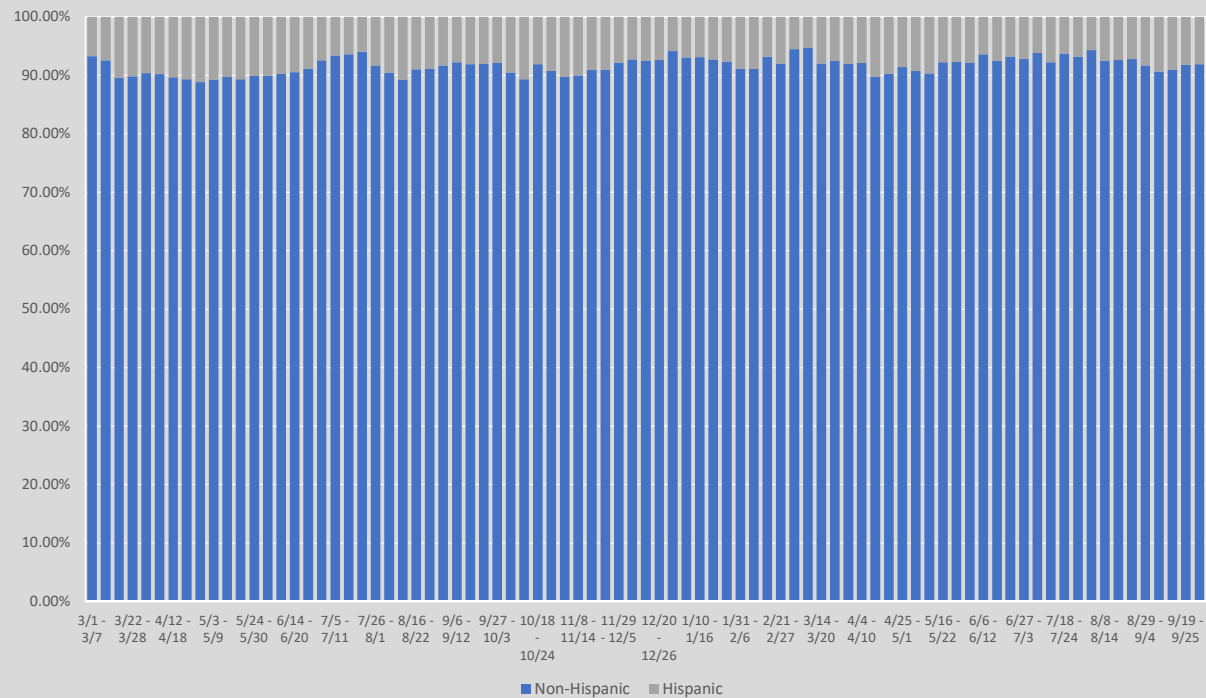
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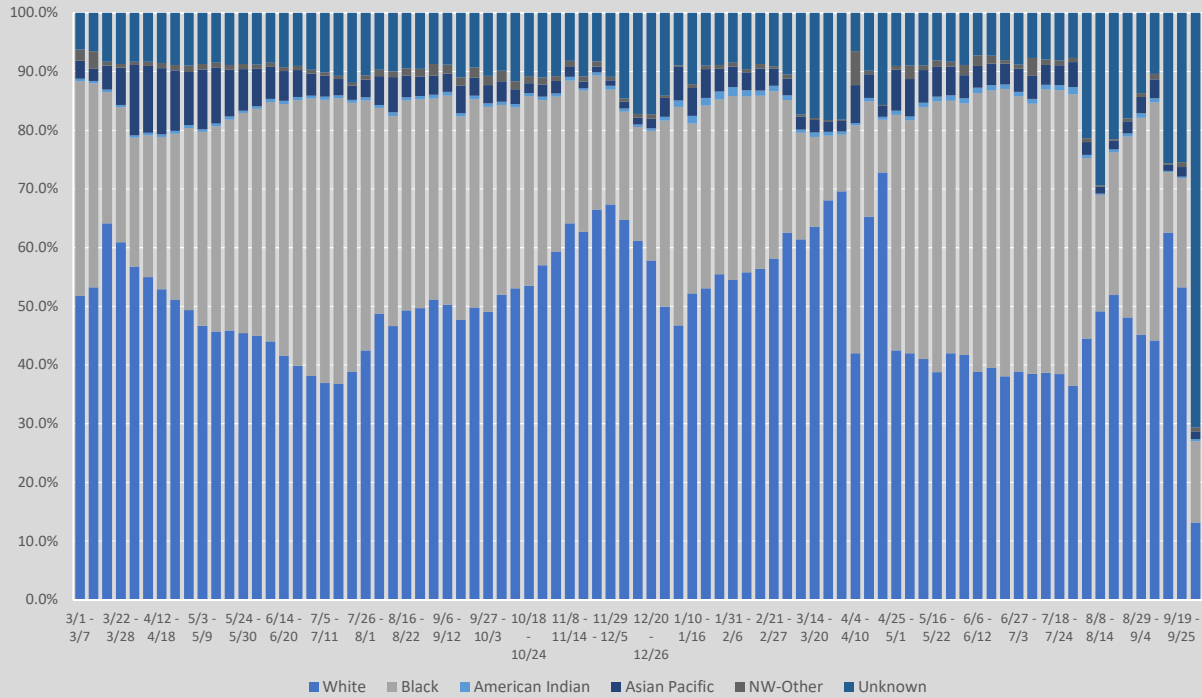
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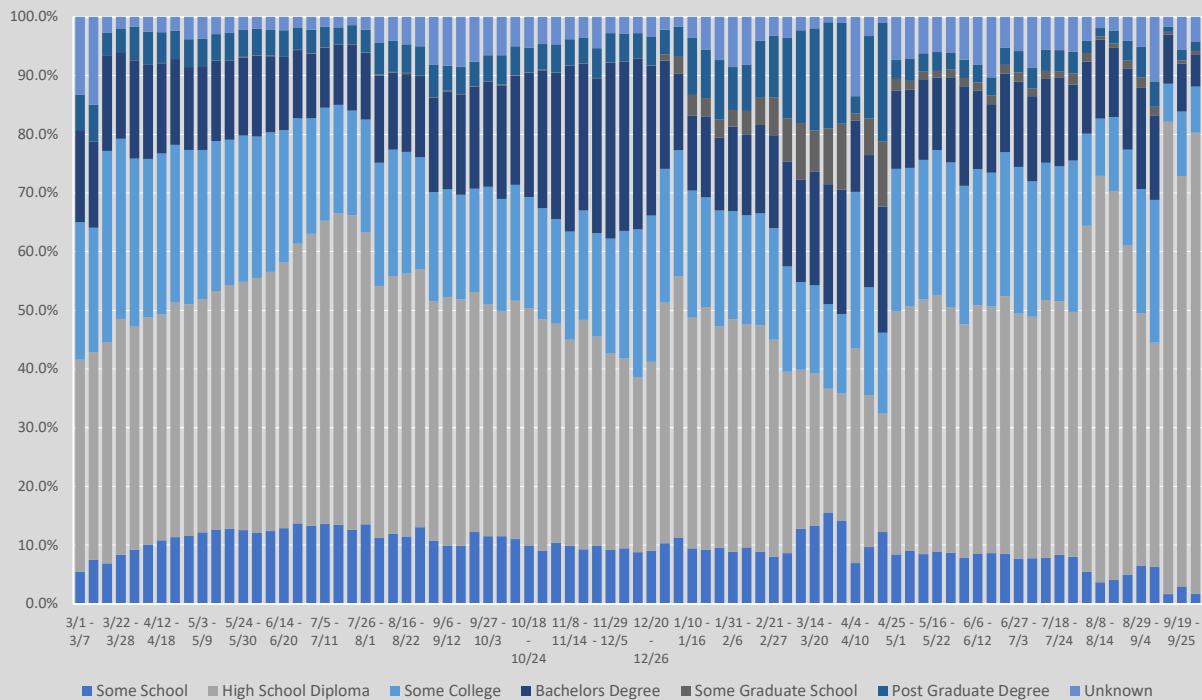
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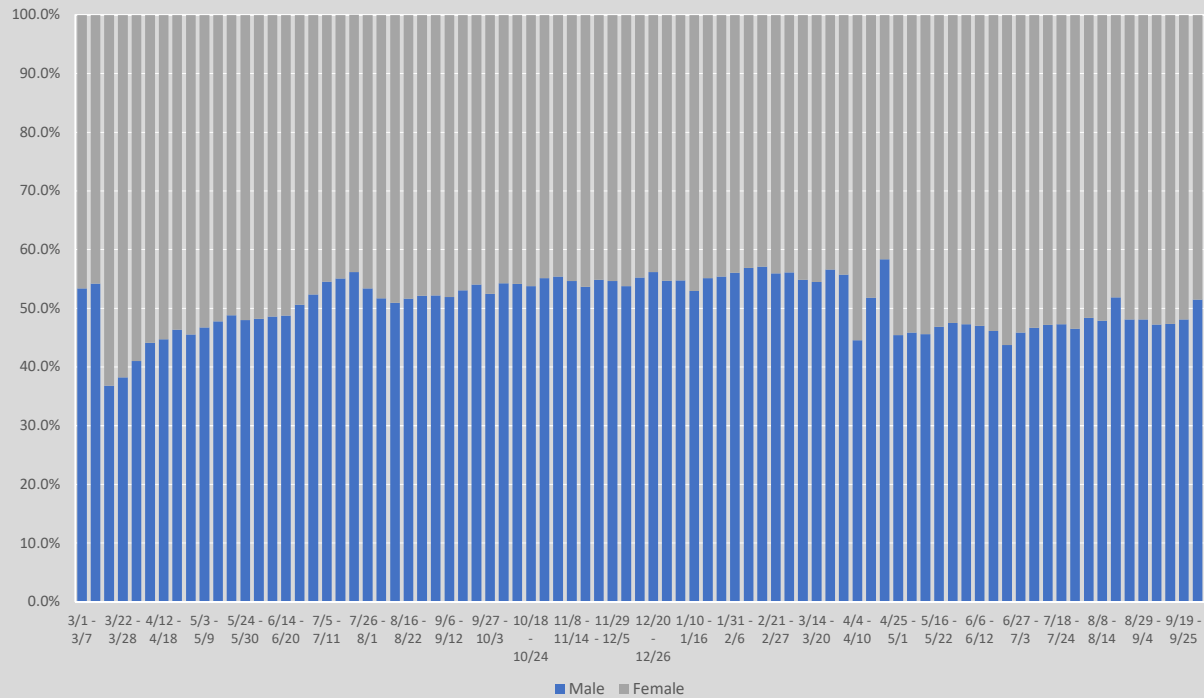
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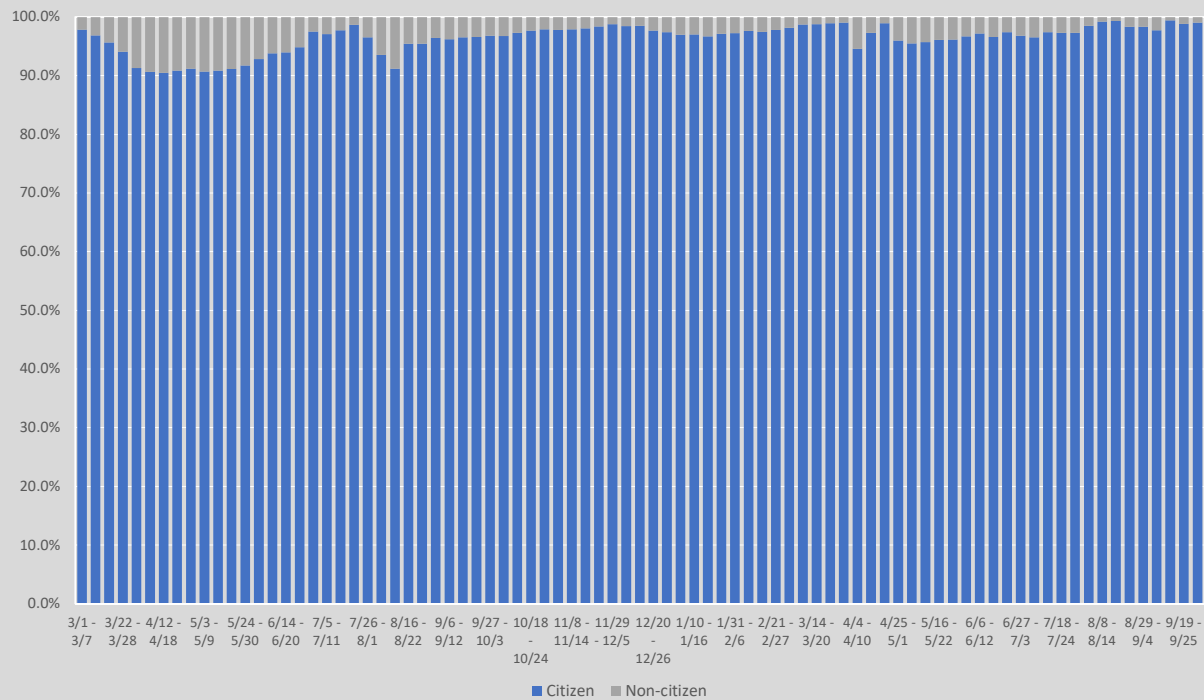
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